

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph from page 10 lines 1-13 as follows:

--In an example embodiment, referring to Figure 5, the illuminated bank check stream is scanned by the colorimeter (501). If the presence of the correct out-of-gamut color is not confirmed by scanned color values from the image scan (503), the document is rejected as a possible counterfeit (505). Conversely, if the specific out-of-gamut color is detected, within a specified color tolerance, the document can be classified as possibly ~~probably~~ authentic (507), pending other checks of authenticity that are not dependent on color discrimination, such as the shape or placement of the out-of-gamut colored object in the document image. For example, as shown in Fig.5: if the out-of-gamut-color mark is in the proper location (506) then the document is accepted as probably authentic (508), otherwise the document is probably counterfeit (510). If all bank checks have been scanned (509), the process is finished; otherwise steps (501) through (509) are repeated.--